

MINUTES
BOARD OF CORRECTIONS QUARTERLY MEETING
COUNTY-CITY BUILDING, ROOM 113
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2005
8:30 A.M.

Board Members Present: Bernie Heier, Chair
Deb Schorr, Vice Chair
Larry Hudkins
Bob Workman
Ray Stevens

Others Present: Mike Thurber, Corrections Director
Kerry Eagan, Chief Administrative Officer
Gwen Thorpe, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer
Trish Owen, Chief Deputy County Clerk
Ann Taylor, County Clerk's Office

The Chair opened the meeting at 8:34 a.m.

AGENDA ITEM

1 APPROVAL OF THE BOARD OF CORRECTIONS MINUTES OF THURSDAY, AUGUST 11, 2005

MOTION: Stevens moved and Hudkins seconded approval of the Board of Corrections Meeting minutes dated August 11, 2005. Schorr, Heier, Hudkins, Stevens and Workman voted aye. Motion carried.

2 POPULATION STATISTICS

A. Population Comments

Mike Thurber, Corrections Director, reported a 9% increase in the average daily population this quarter with the largest increase at the Lancaster Correctional Facility (LCF). Total bookings have decreased by 16% and total lodgings have decreased by 13%. He said an average of 30 inmates are being housed at the Platte County Detention Facility each day, which has helped to keep the average daily population numbers down.

Hudkins asked where the County stands with Jail Standards.

Thurber said Jail Standards was informed that the Board has asked for a pre-architectural design. The Jail Standards Board approved the corrective action.

B. Population Graphs

See agenda packet.

C. Monthly Statistical Report

See agenda packet.

3 DEPARTMENT ACTIVITIES

A. Good News Jail & Prison Ministry

Thurber said Rev. Morgan is developing a new service for Native Americans and is trying to recruit community volunteers.

B. Mental Health Jail Diversion Program

Thurber said the program has diverted 89 individuals. He said 21 remain active and 6 are in transition.

C. In-House Projects

Thurber said inmate crews have worked on county road clean-up and assisted with installation of rural address signs.

Touch screen systems have been installed and contractors are converting and installing a new cameras and recording and card reader systems.

D. New Business

Thurber said a total of 47 inmates have been held at the Platte County Detention Facility at a cost of \$43,000. He noted that \$90,000 was allocated for the project.

Stevens suggested that the Board raise the issue of a regional correctional facility at the Southeast Nebraska Association of County Officials (NACO) District Meeting.

Thurber said nine architectural and consulting firms were represented at the pre-architectural tour of the jail. Proposals must be submitted by November 30, 2005.

4 ADJOURNMENT

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 9:07 a.m.

Bruce Medcalf
Lancaster County Clerk